

**License Committee Meeting**  
**Monday, December 29, 2008 @ 6:00 PM**

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Application for a NEW Pawnbrokers License for a shop of secondhand articles at 212 Exchange Street.

Applicant: Cuong P. Ho, 442 Britton Street, Chicopee, MA 01020

**ITEM #2**

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**ITEM #3**

Application for a NEW Auto Repair License for Jerry's Cycle & Sled Shop located at 8 Montgomery Street.

Applicant: Michele Newell, 119 Casey Drive, Chicopee, MA 01020

**ITEM #4**

Communication regarding licenses that have not renewed for 2009.

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**CHICOPEE BOARD OF ALDERMEN**  
**LICENSE COMMITTEE**

**APPROVED 1/13/09**

**Members**

Ronald R. Belair, Chairman  
Dino A. Brunetti, Vice-Chairman  
Shane Brooks  
Fred Krampits  
Robert J. Zygarowski

**MINUTES**  
**December 29, 2008**

The following are the minutes of a public hearing held Monday, December 29, 2008 at 6:00 PM in the Aldermanic Chambers, Fourth Floor, City Hall Annex, 274 Front Street, Chicopee, MA 01013.

**Members Present**

Belair, Brunetti, Brooks, Krampits, Zygarowski (Arrived 6:02PM)

**Also Present**

Alderman Swider (Ward 2), Kate Brown (Planning Director),  
Anna Wrzesinski (Mayors Administrative Assistant)

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM

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Present at Meeting: Cuong P. Ho, 442 Britton Street, Chicopee, MA 01020  
Attorney William Brown, 1618 E Mountain Rd, Westfield, MA 01085  
(Interpreter) Tony Phan, 30 Southwick Street, Chicopee, MA 01020

Alderman Belair asked what type of experiences Cuong already has

Tony Phan (Interpreting for Cuong P. Ho) answered he has multiple years experience as a professional dealer on EBAY along with owning a nail salon that is also located in Chicopee

Alderman Belair asked how long he is expecting to keep an item before selling it

Tony Phan (Interpreting for Cuong P. Ho) answered 30 days, as it says in the laws

Attorney William Brown stated that he will offer his opinion to his client to keep the item 30-90 days

Alderman Brooks stated his only concern is the stigma that is usually attached to these businesses, seems to be the same type of people that return time after time.

Attorney William Brown stated he understands that he will have to learn to judge the types of people that go in the business. He stated he has worked in this type of business for many years and will be able to teach Coung the proper training. Also, if someone was to fool Coung he would have all the police would need.

Alderman Belair asked what intentions he has for security issues

Tony Phan (Interpreting for Coung P. Ho) stated he will have cameras around entire shop, double locked doors and also bars on the doors.

Alderman Belair stated he is opposed to make the business look locked up; the City is trying to make the downtown area more welcoming rather than turned off by the looks of it. Feels bars on the doors are necessary for security but does not like the idea.

Attorney William Brown agreed and doesn't like the idea of bars on the doors either.

Alderman Zygarowski asked if he ever ran this type of business before

Attorney William Brown answered for Coung P. Ho, No, but he has been a professional dealer on EBAY for many years.

Alderman Swider asked since he has never ran this type of business, how will he determine what may possibly be stolen compared to what is not. For example an X-BOX

Tony Phan (Interpreting for Coung P. Ho) stated if a television were to be brought to him and it didn't have a remote it would trigger questions as well as if he asked the customer how much he paid for the product and he hesitated. As far as the XBOX, if there were missing controllers etc.

Alderman Swider asked who would be running the store along with him because he feels customers may not be as considerate when it comes to the language barrier.

Alderman Belair stated Coung signed papers stating he would not be having any employees.

Tony Phan (Interpreting for Coung P. Ho) stated he signed that because it was before his business would open but once it is opened he will hire

Alderman Belair stated he does not feel comfortable with moving forward for the fact there are too many unanswered questions; inclined to table until next month.

Motion made by Alderman Krampits to table

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- 1.) Abide by all City Codes and Ordinances
- 2.) No bars or pulled down shutters
- 3.) Video surveillance with tape recorded
- 4.) No alteration to outside or store front

Motion Approved.

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Motion made by Alderman Krampits to table  
Motion Approved

## **ITEM #3**

Application for a NEW Auto Repair License located at 8 Montgomery Street for Jerry's Cycle & Sled Shop.

Applicant: Michele Newell  
119 Casey Drive  
Chicopee, MA 01020

### **Conditions**

- Good housekeeping
- No outside storage
- No of vehicles \_\_\_\_\_
- Hours of Operation
  - Monday \_\_\_\_\_
  - Tuesday \_\_\_\_\_
  - Wednesday \_\_\_\_\_
  - Thursday \_\_\_\_\_
  - Friday \_\_\_\_\_
  - Saturday \_\_\_\_\_
  - Sunday \_\_\_\_\_

Motion made by Alderman Zygarowski to withdrawal  
Motion approved. Committee Vote: 5-0 favorable

## **ITEM #4**

Communication regarding licenses that have not been renewed for 2009

Alderman Belair stated though it is unfair he would like to move forward with those would paid the late fee for the renewed licenses

Alderman Zygarowski asked if the board is to approve will the businesses operate January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009?

Alderman Belair stated yes

Alderman Zygarowski stated since they paid the fees it is okay and ones that didn't pay simply will not get renewed.

Motion made by Alderman Zygarowski to allow applications who paid late fee

Seconded by Krampits

Motion Approved

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Motion made by Alderman Zygarowski to accept.

Motion approved. Committee Vote: 5-0 favorable

Meeting adjourned at 6:33 PM